

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Specific Language

Amend Rule 345 in Division 2 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

345. The Referee Shall Have Power to Stop Contest.

The referee shall have the power to stop a contest at any stage if he or she considers it too one-sided, or if either contestant is in such a condition that to continue might subject him or her to serious injury, and in either case to render a decision in the manner prescribed by Rule 339.

~~In cases where a boxer receives a cut eye from a fair blow or an unintentional butt or any other injury which the referee believes may incapacitate the boxer, the referee shall call into the ring the ringside physician for examination of the boxer before the referee renders a decision in the matter~~

~~A mandatory timeout shall be called whenever the ringside physician enters the ring to examine a boxer.~~

Regardless of any examination by the ringside physician, if a boxer unequivocally manifests an intent to stop fighting, the referee shall immediately stop the contest. If the referee is unclear whether the boxer intends to stop fighting, then the referee shall ask the boxer if the boxer wishes to stop fighting and if the response is affirmative, then the referee shall immediately stop the contest.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Section 18640, 18730 and 18733, Business and Professions Code.